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Halifax's Statement Involves No New Pronouncement On Part Of Govt. Says Churchill: Will Britain Boycott I. L. O. Conference?

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 3.

Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons today that Lord Halifax's speech in Washington on January 28th that the British Government would not overrule any decision taken by India not to remain in the British Commonwealth after the war, if the people of India had established an agreed constitution, involved no new pronouncement on the part of the British Government.

Sir Archibald Southby (Conservative) asked whether such an undertaking was given and if so by whom.

Mr. Churchill: All declarations on this subject have been made in the House.

Mr. Shinwell (Labour): In view of the statement made by a member yesterday to the effect that there was a desire in some parts of the House to attack Lord Halifax, is he aware there is no desire to attack Lord Halifax at all, but merely a desire to enable the House to express its opinion on matters of this kind?

Mr. Hopkinson (Independent): The House will recollect I never suggested that the source of attacks was in this House.

Mr. Granville (Independent): Is it not a fact that the Ambassador in Washington merely repeated sentiments and principles mentioned in the Prime Minister's Mansion House speech?

Mr. Churchill: I have not read the text of Lord Halifax's speech in detail and I prefer for the moment to let it rest there."

Finland And I. L. O.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, stated to-day that the British Government are considering what action is necessary in connection with the invitation sent by the International Labour Office to the Government of Finland which is still a member of the I.L.O., to send representatives to the convention in the United States this year.

To the suggestion that this action had given considerable offence to one of the Allied nations and that it might be desirable to exclude Finland this year, Mr. Eden replied: "I am considering what action is necessary. I would not like to go beyond that."

Mr. Eden added: "There are rather exceptional circumstances about this case. Finland is the only enemy belligerent still a member of this organisation. I quite realise from our own point of view it would be difficult, if not impossible, for us to attend any conference where there is a belligerent, but we are not the only people concerned in this."

WAR DEBATE

Mr. Eden told the Commons to-day that the long-promised debate on the war situation would take place as soon as Mr. Churchill thought it "a good moment internationally." He could not give an absolute date.—Reuter.

U. S. Spokesman Repudiates Jap Propaganda

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A High United States Government source explained to-day that President Roosevelt's statement yesterday of American intentions in the East, in which he mentioned the presence of American Forces in India, was prompted by a widespread misunderstanding in India.

The source said that President Roosevelt had been informed of Japanese propaganda which was being spread among Indians that American troops were there to aid Britain in maintaining the empire.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON WILHELMSHAVEN

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The United States heavy bombers attacked Wilhelmshaven in daylight to-day, it is officially announced.

To-day's Air Ministry Communique states "Last night, mosquitoes of the Bomber Command attacked objectives in Western Germany. Mines were also laid in enemy waters. None of our aircraft is missing".

AMERY LAID UP WITH INTERNAL CHILL

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The Secretary of State for India Mr Leopold Amery, is confined to bed with an internal chill and has cancelled his engagements for two or three weeks.—Reuter.

Flare-up In Nettuno Area

Jap Embassy Removed From Rome To Vatican

BASLE, Feb. 3: The Japanese Embassy at Vatican has been moved from Rome to the Vatican City in anticipation of coming events, reports the Caiasso Correspondent of the 'National Zeitung.'

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters, London, Feb. 3: To-day's Allied communique states: On both Anzio and the main fronts of the Fifth Army there has been hard fighting. The beach head was enlarged in the face of stiff resistance, and counter-attacks were repulsed. On the main front, French and American troops have moved so far through the mountains north of Cassino that the enemy stronghold is threatened seriously.

Reuter's Special Correspondent cables:—The United States troops of the 5th Army are within 500 yards of the threatened German stronghold of Cassino on the main 5th Army Front. The general distance of the American forces north of the town is about one mile.

To-day's reports indicated that French and American troops of the 5th Army have widened the great breach driven through Kesselring's Gustav Line. The Americans have captured positions on Monte Castellone, three miles north-west of Cassino and captured Monte Majola, overlooking the town from the rim of the valley. They encircled Cassino from a distance of one mile from the north and east. Cassino is now being subjected to a strong attack from both sides. While the town is being battered by shellfire and swept by American rifle fire, however, the Germans are still hanging on grimly.

The Rome Radio on Wednesday said: "A violent flare-up has taken place in the past few hours in the Nettuno beachhead area. In several areas, fighting is the bitterest yet seen in this theatre of war. The enemy is going all out to force a breakthrough to the roads leading north and east to the capital. The enemy's main plan is to cut the German armies in two. The battle is still raging in the Pontine plain with German troops fighting every inch of the way. The German line to the west of Monte Albani still holds despite the enemy's desperate efforts. A great battle is awaited.

Late this afternoon, the British and the Americans threw still more forces into the fray and attacked with greater intensity in the area between Aprilia nad Cisterna. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

Not Solely For Rice

COLOMBO, Feb. 3.

Reporting on a Private Member's motion recently introduced in the State Council, the Chief Secretary States "The purpose of Sir Baron Jayatilaka's appointment in India was not solely to obtain rice. It was to endeavour to create a better understanding between India and Ceylon and secure a speedy settlement of problems of mutual concern that arise from time to time between the two countries, including the question of food supplies from India. Sir Baron Jayatilaka is expected to deal with the food questions in the widest sense, and has done so with advantage to this country".

The Chief Secretary's report is on a motion which suggested that Sir Baron Jayatilaka be recalled.

JAPS DIG IN ON ARAKAN FRONT

Allies Clear Large Area Between Htindaw And Letwedet

ARAKAN FRONT, Feb. 2

After days and nights of activity with much sharp fighting writes an Army observer with the 14th Army, our troops now appear to have cleared entirely a large area of jungle-covered hilly country between Htindaw and Letwedet immediately to the north of the main Maungdaw-Buthidaung road.

In this sector, the Japanese are digging into positions south of the road which, however, they still control eastwards towards Buthidaung, where their defence is stiffening. A lull on the front as a whole continues though the Japanes have made further small and unsuccessful attempts at infiltration.

ALLIED SUCCESS ON CHINDWIN FRONT

ASSAM-BURMA BORDER, Feb. 2: Another success on the Chindwin front has been scored during the last three days, writes an Indian Army observer, by Gurkha and Indian troops fighting in drenchling rain and mud, and even snow in the mountain country south of Tidoim.

At least 200 Japanese casualties were inflicted by our troops in the course of four unsuccessful enemy attempts to dislodge them from a forward hill position. The wire in front of the position at the conclusion of the engagement was littered with the bodies of Japanese dead, which their companions made no attempt to recover. The fact that quantities of equipment were also found gave further proof of the disorganised condition of the enemy in their final withdrawal.

ALLIES BOMB JAP POSITIONS

NEW DELHI, Feb 3: On 2nd February, R.A.F. Dive-Bombers of the Tactical Air Force, Eastern Air Command, attacked enemy positions east of Maungdaw on the Mayu Peninsula, says a communique from the Headquarters, S.-E. Asia Command. Nearby at Buthidaung, fighters attacked enemy huts and an occupied village. Further north, along the Mayu-Kaladan rivers, other fighters attacked Rivercraft loaded with grain. Locomotives and rolling stock on the railway between Maguang and Sagaing were attacked by fighters. Four mixed passenger and goods trains, were shot up and damaged, while several attacks were made on a section of the linen which was camouflaged.

In the Chindwin valley area fighter-bombers bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions near Mawlaik in the Tiddim area on February 2. A Japanese working party was dispersed by our artillery, while working some new bunkers two miles south-east of Fort White.

During four attacks made by the Japanese on our forces in the Mualbem area between January 28 and 30, the enemy lost five officers and 200 other ranks killed and wounded. Our casualties were slight.

Allies Sink 5,000-ton Jap Ship

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Gen. MacArthur's Communique on Thursday stated:—

ARAWE: Two enemy planes raided Arawe causing minor casualties.

NEW GUINEA: HANSA BAY: Our heavies at night sank a 5,000-ton enemy freighter off the coast with two direct hits.

RAMU VALLEY: In consolidating recently captured positions our forces found 220 abandoned enemy dead resulting from air and artillery bombardment.

The Allied troops which have advanced beyond Reiss point in north-east New Guinea have found Japanese dead showing signs of extreme starvation and exhaustion, says Gen. MacArthur's Communique to-day.

It adds that Japanese fighting units "Seem to have disintegrated into mountain passes and trails in an endeavour to escape."

HOW U. S. FORCES LANDED IN MARSHALS

KWAJALEIN ATOLL, Feb. 1 (Delayed).

American forces easily captured eight islets in the Kwajalein group before attacking Kwajalein proper, to which Japanese withdrew their meagre garrison for the last ditch stand.

From R. S. C. on U. S. Flagship:

American forces landed on the Marshals Islands of Roi, Namur and Kwajalein after a heavy land, sea and air bombardment had pulverised the beach defences. For three days and nights, American warships including new 16-inch Gun battleships pounded the island concentrating their fire on the narrow 600 yards of the western beach. Bomber fleets roared overhead dropping all sizes of bombs including blockbusters. Massed artillery from Enubuj island two miles to the south-west, which had been captured on the previous day opened on Japanese positions.—Reuter.

CHINA'S ATTITUDE TO POST-WAR JAPAN EXPLAINED

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3.—The Chinese Minister of Information, Mr. Liang Han Tsao, said: "We are prepared to give Japan freedom to organise her new Government after the war." He emphasised that such a Government must be without militaristic domination. China was prepared to give Japan economic assistance so as to guarantee her freedom from want.

"Under no circumstances", he added, "should they be allowed to retain or manufacture weapons of war. Otherwise our children will have to fight this war all over again.—Reuter.

FORTY KILLED IN STORM

BAGERHAT (Khulna), Feb. 3.

Over 40 lives are reported to have been lost as the result of a storm which passed over Bhandaria area of Barisal district on the afternoon of January 29.

The storm which was severe was accompanied by heavy hail and caused considerable damage to property also.—A. P.

NAZIS FALLING BACK ON NARVA

Three-Pronged Soviet Thrust On Estonian Stronghold

BERLIN, Feb. 3

To-day's German 'communique' reports: South-west of Dnepropetrovsk, Germans are engaged in heavy defence battles with advancing tanks.

Between Kirovograd and Belaya Tserkov fierce fighting is in progress.

South-west of Pripet Marshes "the towns of Rowng and Luck were abandoned in the course of bitter defence battles."

Between Lake Ilmen and the Gulf of Finland, German divisions were engaged in heavy defence fighting.

West of Novgorod and East Narva, Russians continued their attacks with strong forces.

Drive Towards Narva

LONDON: The Moscow radio announced this afternoon that Soviet troops have reached the Narva river.

MOSCOW: The Germans are moving back on Narva under a hail of shells from the Soviet guns. They have now taken up new positions which command the last stretches of the highway and railway into the city.

Marshal Stalin in an Order of the Day announced that in new offensives on the first and second Ukrainian fronts over 300 localities had been captured.

The Russians have captured Smyela inside the Dnieper Bend.

Three-Pronged Thrust

Soviet forces in three-pronged thrust on Narva are to-day closing in on the last few miles separating them from the Estonian fortress. A big tank and artillery column is moving

westwards up the railway line from Kingisepp, South of Narva the Red Army has captured Malaya Polla, two miles north of Slantsi railway station. This brings this force to within about 15 miles of Narva. Stomovik bombers are harrying German troop movements in the rear of Narva.

FIERCE FIGHTING

In the region of Luga estuary, said the "Red Star", Soviet troops continued to clear the coast of Germans and after capturing a number of points approached close to the river Narva. The mouth of the river Narva is eight miles inside Estonia.

The Russians are coming up against strong German resistance as they fight their way through to the approacnes to Luga, head of the German pocket in the centre of the northern front. Inside this salient, the Germans are resisting furiously at Batetskaya.

The Russians have three thrusts in this area: Along the Leningrad-Luga railway; along the Leningrad-Batetskaya railway; Across the country from Chudovo at the base of the pocket east of the two railway lines from Leningrad.

Stalingrad Comes To Life

Nearly a quarter of a million people are back in Stalingrad, now rapidly rising from ruins. The tractor factories "Red October" and "Red Barricade", the scene of such fierce fighting, are working again. Here are the figures of the work of restoration: 11,093 houses built or restored, 187 shops opened, ten hospitals working, 125 communal dining rooms and forty schools opened.

The Soviet press to-day prominently displayed large photographs of the Stalingrad sword presented to the Soviet City by King George. Yesterday Marshal Budenny, handed over the sword to a delegation from Stalingrad. The ceremony was held in the Kremlin on the anniversary of the Stalingrad victory.—Reuter.

No Forward Contracts In Spices

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

In a notification issued to-day, the Government of India have under the spices (Forward Contracts Prohibition) Order, 1942, laid down that all forward contracts, in any article to which the order applies, outstanding at the close of business on February 2 and not already exempted, are to be closed out at the market rate applicable to such class of contracts at the close of business on that date, says a press note.—A. P.

Ahmedabad Mill Agent Arrested

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 3.

Seth Maneklal Mansukhabhai, Agent of the Hathising Mill was arrested to-day under the Defence India Rules on the charge of Hoarding 68 maunds of wheat in contravention of the Order of the District Magistrate. He was produced before the City Magistrate who released him on bail of rupees two thousand.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

AIR BOMBING BEFORE INVASION

HONOLULU, Feb. 3: The United States Air Force Headquarters announced that over 3,500,000 pounds of bombs were dropped on the Marshalls before the invasion started. They ranged from 25 pounders to 1,000 pounders. These were supplemented by cannonading from new rapid fire 75 millimetre cannons mounted on Mitchell medium bombers and by frequent fighter strafing attacks—Reuter.

SECURITY MEASURE IN MIDNAPORE

Nazimuddin On Curtailment Of Detenus' Privileges

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

By 90 to 63 votes an Opposition motion urging circulation of the Bengal Finance (Sales Tax) Amendment Bill introduced by Government yesterday seeking to double the existing rate of Sales Tax of 3 pies, was lost in the Bengal Legislative Assembly this evening.

Replying to a question the Home Minister, Sir Nazimuddin (who is also Chief Minister), said that it was a fact that some privileges regarding letters and interviews had been curtailed in respect of a particular group of security prisoners in the Midnapore Central Jail arrested on or after the 8th August, 1942. The action was taken as a measure of security on account of the situation created by the widespread and serious campaign of violence and destruction then going on in Midnapore District.

The Home Minister added that the privileges would be restored as soon as the situation in the district improved sufficiently.

Replying to another question Sir Nazimuddin said that there had been some occasions of undue delay in the matter of censoring security prisoner's correspondence due to shortage of censorship staff. This shortage had since been made up and he was satisfied that there was no undue delay now.—A. P.

Arab Nationalists And French Clash

LONDON, Feb. 2.—It is learned from good source that clashes have broken out in French Morocco, between Nationalist Arabs and the French authorities.

All attempts to obtain from Algiers either details or bare confirmation of these clashes have failed.

OFFICIAL VERSION OF RIOTING IN RABAT

The first official reference by French officials to the recent trouble in Rabat, French Morocco, as given by M. Rene Massigli, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in the French National Committee for National Liberation.

Between ten and twelve persons were killed in streets clashes in Rabat which followed the arrest of German Agents, among whom was an Arab Nationalist leader, said M. Massigli.

"There were no nationalist outbreaks in Morocco," said M. Massigli.

While the French Military Police last Friday were rounding up 15 suspected German agents, a number of street demonstrations broke out when the police formed a cordon around the Native quarter.

"One of the known agents rounded up was a professor in an Arab school" said Mr. Massigli.

This man had spent from 1,940 to 1,941 in Germany. Students also demonstrated on Saturday.—Reuter.

While M. Massigli's explanation indicates that the Moroccan difficulties broke out suddenly last Friday, it is learnt from other Algiers sources that tension here had been growing for the past two weeks or more.

In some quarters these troubles are interpreted as a Nationalist attempt to influence the current French conference at Brazaville.

Other observers recall the long standing connection between Arab Nationalists and Berlin. The present outbreak is connected in these quarters with recent apparently Nazi inspired happenings in Spanish Morocco.

Morocco Incidents: French Apologia

ALGIERS, Feb. 3.

A statement by the French Press Service to-night said: "The French Commissariat for Information announced to-night that inaccurate reports of incidents in Morocco had been published abroad and that facts were as follows:

"Agitators took advantage of the recent arrests by military security officers of Moroccan subjects in the service of the enemy to provoke some local demonstration at Rabat, Seale and Fez.

These incidents occurred on January 29th and 31st and resulted in the arrest of several ringleaders. Calm was immediately and completely restored to-day.—Reuter

MADRAS GOVT. DISALLOWS IT!

CITTOOR, Feb. 1

The Government of Madras, it is learnt, have refused to approve of the grants made by the various Panchayat Boards towards the Bengal Famine Relief Fund.

The Government point out that the Panchayat Boards with meagre resources which are hardly sufficient for the needs of the villagers are not in a position to make any appreciable contribution to meet a distress of such magnitude as the Bengal famine.—A. P.

BENGAL FAMINE BUDGET

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

The 1943 famine has so far cost the Government of Bengal not less than Rs. 11.50,00,000 according to figures released by Government from time to time.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Feb. 3.

Previous Closing	20.38
To-day's Opening	20.41
Difference	+03
To-day's Closing	20 40
Difference	+02

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CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

The market continued firm and the volume of business was large. Government securities were steady and unchanged.

EX-PREMIER OF ORISSA INJURED IN LATHI CHARGE IN JAIL

Sequel To Flag Hoisting By Inmates Of Berhampore Prison On Independence Day

BERHAMPORE, February 3.

It is learnt that during the recent lathi charge in Berhampore jail in connection with the celebration of "Independence Day" Mr. Biswanath Das ex-Premier of Orissa received injuries. The Circle Inspector of Police also received some injuries during the incident.

The Collector of Gunjam in a Press statement states that prisoners held a meeting and hoisted the Congress Flag on January 26. In spite of persuation by jail authorities and the District Magistrate to remove the flag they persisted in having it. As the request and warning were not heeded the flag was brought down forcibly. Subsequently a lathi charge was ordered twice, which lasted for 8 seconds and 5 seconds to overcome persistent resistance by the prisoners; 44 persons received injuries of these 18 are suspected to have sustained serious injuries and the rest simple bruises. Out of the suspected cases of serious injuries 10 were found to be not serious subsequently."—O. P.

MRS. NAIDU IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived here this morning from Delhi and is a guest of Dr. B. C. Roy. She is expected to leave for Bombay on the 7th instant.

Dr. B. C. Roy told the Associated Press that Mrs. Naidu was not well and was completely under Doctor's orders.

Mrs. Naidu will preside to-morrow over the meeting of the Committee of the 'Save the Children Fund" organised by the All-India Women's Conference.—A. P.

RELEASED FROM DETENTION

Following persons who were rounded up in connection with Independence Day, were released from the Worli Temporary Prison on Thursday.

R. K. Hardikar, Dr. Koregaokar, Dinkar Sakrikar, M. Madhavan, R. K. Patil, M. D Dandekar, Baburao Gholap and Raja Kulkarni.

The following were released from Arthur Road prison: Pershotam Thakkur and Anandji Kanjee.

UNDER-TRIAL ESCAPES

SURAT: Babubhai Hajirawala, a prisoner awaiting trial, is reported to have escaped from the place of detention in the local sub-jail. It is stated that Babubhai was present when the usual muster was taken at 8 p.m. yesterday. But subsequently it was noticed he was missing.—United Press.

RAID ON KARACHI PRESS

KARACHI, Feb. 3: The C. I. D. Police raided the "Hindu Sansar" Press this morning and seized three hundred and seven copies of the book entitled "Stories of Irish Freedom" published by the Ratan Sahitya Mandal.—United Press.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CONVICTIONS

NASIK, Feb. 3: A sentence of four months' imprisonment was awarded by the City Magistrate to Mr. L. G. Mohadikar, Vasant Hudlikar, Prahlad Ratnaprakash, and five others for taking out a 'Prabhat Pheri' without the permission of the District Magistrate, on the Independence Day, January 26.

Mr. N. G. Dani, Mr. Subhash Jain and two others were also sentenced to four months' imprisonment for reading out the Independence Pledge in public on the evening of the Independence Day.—United Press.

A PROSCRIBED BOOK

KARACHI, Feb. 3.—The Sind C.I.D. raided the office of the Ratan Sahitya (Sindhi Literature) Mandal, and recovered over 300 copies of the Sindhi translation of the "Stories of Irish Freedom" published by the Mandal recently. The book has been proscribed as containing prejudicial matter.—A.P.

SHORT ALERT IN COLOMBO

COLOMBO, Feb. 3

Wednesday night, there was a short alert in Colombo.

It is officially explained that this was caused by a report, which proved unfounded. Actually no enemy aircraft was ever in the vicinity.—A. P.

ALLIES SANK JAP HOSPITAL SHIP?

Tokyo Reply To Charge Of Atrocities Against War Prisoners

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (Delayed).

The Tokyo radio said to-night that the Japanesee Government spokesman Ugumchi in a statement quoted by the Japanese News Agency (Domei) concerning alleged atrocities against Allied troops said: "This campaign has been launched with the object of covering up the Allies' own atrocities."

"Our enemies intend thus to whip up the flagging war enthusiasm of their own peoples. Anglo-Americans after having sunk a Japanese hospital ship address themselves plaintively to world opinion.

But the statesmen of London and Washington cannot escape their responsibility by spreading reports of alleged German and Japanese atrocities."

AHMEDABAD POLICE OPEN FIRE

Clash With Miyanas In City At Night

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 3.

An encounter between the police and a party of Miyanas (a tribe from Kathiawar) is reported to have taken place near Ahmedabad city last night.

It appears that on searching the Miyanas for illicit country liquor, stones were thrown at the police who opened fire injuring one Miyana. One police constable was also injured.

The ban on the carrying of weapons has been extended by a further period of one month. It has been in force since the Congress movement was launched in August, 1942.

GOVERNOR BACK IN CITY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville attended by their Personal Staff returned from tour.

LUCKNOW, Feb. 3: The Lucknow Races Club has sent a cheque for Rs. 10,000 to the Governor of the United Provinces towards Red Cross funds.

OPENINGS FOR CHIEF AGENCIES

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"	Wines.	All Others.	10-0	
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"	Vermouths.	All Others.	9-0	(quart)
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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Do not believe a thing because you read it in a book! Do not believe a thing because another has said it so! Find out the truth for yourself.

—Swami Vivekananda.

The Bombay Chronicle

CASTE MUST GO

The All-India Scheduled Castes Conference, held at Cawnpore during the week-end, may not really possess the representative character claimed for it. But it undoubtedly represents a by no means negligible section of this community, and conferences like this will not fail to do some real good to it if the resolutions passed at them are followed up with solid continuous ameliorative work and also a ceaseless campaign to destroy untouchability root and branch. They may with advantage go further and strive, along with other castes, to abolish the whole system of caste, understood in the sense of a system under which a person's social status is determined mainly by his birth regardless of his worth. We have always agreed with those like Dr. Ambedkar that so long as caste remains to any extent, its root evil may sprout up at any time and manifest itself in some form of untouchability. Over two thousand five hundred years ago Buddha denounced caste, preaching incessantly that a man's worth is to be judged by his deeds and not birth. For centuries thereafter caste was practically abolished in India. But after the unfortunate disappearance of Buddhism from the land of its birth caste revived and the four castes multiplied frightfully till they are nearly 4,000 today. The results of this disintegration are writ large on the pages of Indian history. Millions renounced Hinduism with the result that the proportion of the Hindus to the total Indian population has steadily decreased, as revealed by every census since 1881. And today at least lakhs of the Scheduled Castes are seriously thinking of "renouncing their ancestral faith". Numerous saints and religious reformers like Ramanuja, Kabir, Ram Mohan Roy, Ramakrishna Paramahansa have denounced caste. So have social reform conferences for the last fifty years and more. But such is the passivity of Hindu society that both caste and untouchability still thrive. Nay, several Hindu leaders, even social reformers, misguided by the interested propaganda by certain Britishers, still plead that there is some mysterious virtue in caste because of which Hindu culture has remained to-day. Else, they argue, caste would not have survived the shocks of centuries. It is a pitiful fallacy, which may even justify untouchability. A custom is not good merely because it lasts long or because some good features of Hindu culture have grown along with it. A disease may persist in a body only because the latter has not enough vitality to throw it off. Even so does an evil custom thrive in a body politic, only because the latter has not enough vitality or dynamic energy to drive it out.

It is most tragic to find that, in spite of all that Gandhiji and other reformers before him have done, untouchability still persists to no small extent. It is most rampant in villages where the scheduled castes find it difficult to use common wells, whatever the law may be. They are so severely dealt with for asserting their rights in this matter that they often voluntarily forego their rights. Even in a city like Bombay a person, known to be a sweeper, let alone a scavenger, however clean dressed he may be, is not allowed to enter a caste Hindu restaurant, nay, even an Irani's restaurant for tea. He has to take it in a vessel of his own, standing at the entrance. It is no wonder that sensitive leaders of the community are extremely bitter in their language against Hindu society and institutions that are painfully slow to give effect to their professions about the removal of untouchability. The Harijan Sevak Sangh is doubtless doing meritorious work in imparting education to the students of the Scheduled Castes. But they may well spare more time for propaganda for the removal of untouchability. It is a fallacy to suppose that this task is less important than uplift work. Removal of untouchability implies, first and foremost, educative propaganda among the caste Hindus to induce them to banish untouchability from their society without any further delay. Congress workers who are free and other followers of Gandhiji should give serious consideration to this work. If Swaraj is understood in a wide sense, the giving of equal social and civic rights to the Scheduled Castes is an integral part of it. And what is more, it rests with the other castes to concede these rights. To say that this may be attended to after Swaraj is won is not likely to convince those who have been oppressed for centuries. If their rights are not conceded when their co-operation in winning Swaraj is necessary, how can they believe that justice will be done to them when their co-operation is no longer necessary?

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Vindictive

Those who participated in the Independence Day demonstrations in Bombay, such as shouting and joining processions were punished with a fine or short terms of imprisonment, the longest being of three months. These last were needlessly severe, considering that the offences were only technical or symbolical and had little chance of being daily features. But, on the whole, the punishments were comparatively mild. The Delhi Magistrate, however, who imposed one year's rigorous imprisonment on those who were convicted of similar offences, threw sense of proportion to the winds. Such sentences are vindictive and tend to bring justice into contempt. If the higher authorities care for justice they should forthwith release all those convicted of harmless demonstrations in connection with the Independence Day. With what consistency can they who profess to fight for freedom penalise occasional and utterly harmless demonstrations for freedom?

Our Common Culture

In his Convocation address to the Osmania University Mr. C. Rajagopalachari did well to emphasize the fact that, though there are different religions and languages in India, "the culture of India, with all its varieties is in fact one." That culture, "one and indivisible," is best expressed in Indian Art, particularly in Indian music. It is also expressed in the evolution of Hindustani, the language spoken or understood by millions all over India. The Indian cinema illustrates fairly well the oneness of Indian culture, as expressed in our popular music and the popular All-India language, Hindustani. By imparting even higher education in Urdu, so akin to Hindustani, the Osmania University is helping, to no small extent, the evolution from an educational point of view the pupil's mother tongue is the lution of a common language, best medium of instruction.

Parsis And Separate Electorates

I have read Mr. A. P. Sabavala's letter in your issue of the 26th January.

Will you permit me to say in reply that behind the letter and throughout the letter there is the fear that Parsis will lose their seats under adult franchise, but that men like Mr. Sabavala and his collaborateurs in the present agitation for protection of minorities might lose their seats. Mr. Sabavala and his colleagues have undoubtedly a right to share in the government of their country. But it is somewhat amusing to be told that they have a right to claim privileges and possessions. Rights are universalistic and belong to all as means to self-enrichment and to the development of personality. Privileges and possessions can only be justified on merit; and to claim privileges for a minority based on religion is to revive the principle of heredity so fundamentally at variance with the democracy which we are striving to establish. Is there anything in the fact that a man is born in the Parsi fold that confers on him an inherent capacity for service, so that he can claim a special privilege to be elected to civic and legislative bodies and to public offices? Privileges and possessions belong to a feudal world, and to claim them for minorities on the ground of religion is as reactionary as the claim of the Indian Princes to be protected in their privileges by the power of British guns.—Yours, etc.,

P. A. WADIA,
President, Freedom Group.

Maxwell's Old Move Renewed!

Presiding at the Harijans Conference at Cawnpore, Hon. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar opposed any renewal of the Cripps' offer; and maintained, that the solemn assurance of Lord Linlithgow of August 1940 shall be strictly adhered to, whereby no Constitution, which had not the consent of the scheduled classes, could ever be imposed on them! Is this not Maxwell's old move, renewed and resurrected, to perplex the new Viceroy with a fresh bogey, and thus defer the dissolution of the present deadlock?

B. F. BHARUCHA.

Prof. Daruwala In Chungking

(From Our Correspondent)

CHUNGKING, Jan. 2.

Prof. J. C. Daruwala of Bombay has started teaching at the Central Political Institute, which is one of the most important educational institutes here—a knowledge of Hindustani is so much in demand that he has started teaching the language. He is doing a weekly broadcast to India from Chungking radio every Sunday at 6-30 p. m. Indian standard time on (6110 kilocycles) 48 metres wavelength, and arrangements are being made for All-India Radio to record it and relay it as may fit in with their schedule.

Nepal Rice Offer Helps Travancore & Cochin

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3: The 100,000 tons of rice recently offered by Nepal is reported to have been allotted to Bengal, Bihar and U.P., the figures being 70,000, 20,000 and 10,000 tons respectively. In lieu of this allotment of 70,000 tons to Bengal, its previous allotment of the same quantity under the Central Government Kharif plan, has been diverted to other administration. Under the new allotment Travancore-Cochin is expected to receive 6,000 tons in addition to their original quota.—A. P.

Health, Home & Social Welfare Exhibition

The Joint Secretary, Friends of Soviet Union, writes:—

The Bombay Women's Association has organised a "Health, Home, and Social Welfare" exhibition in the premises of the St. Xavier's High School, Dhobie Talao.

On the invitation of the organisers the Friends of the Soviet Union, have set up a wing in this exhibition with a view to facilitate a comparative study of the status of 'Mother and Child' in the Soviet Union, and in our country.

This wing about a hundred feet in length, gives a vivid glimpse of the new stature attained by the womanhood in the land of socialism, the stature characterised by full participation by women every field of social activity shoulder to shoulder with men.

The exhibition will be open till Monday next, daily between 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. All members and sympathisers of the Friends of the Soviet Union, are hereby requested to pay a visit to this exhibition. The Soviet wing of the exhibition as also the Health section organised by the Municipal Corporation are open to the public free of charge.

BENGAL GOVT.'S REPLY TO KHAKSARS

Allegations Of 'Grave Maltreatment' Of Destitutes

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3

The reasons for the Bengal Government rescinding the permission given to Khaksars to remove destitutes outside Bengal are set out in a press note issued to-day by the Bengal Government. It says: "As mischievous and misleading statements are being issued by the Khaksar Organisation about the Bengal Government's decision rescinding the permission previously granted to them to remove destitutes outside Bengal, the following is issued for the information of the public.

Government never agreed to allow the Khaksars to remove six lakhs of destitutes; on the face of it, it was an absurd proposition. In the first place, railway accommodation could not be allotted for the purpose for more than about 100 destitutes per day on an average, and at this rate, it would have taken the Khaksars nearly 16 years to remove six lakhs of destitutes.

Secondly, their plan was that four Knaksars would be responsible for the maintenance of one destitute which presupposed that 24 lakhs of adult Khaksars were in a position to contribute towards the maintenance of destitutes. Government have no reason to believe that the total number of Khaksars is anywhere near that figure. Besides, during the month and half when the Khaksars had permission to collect and remove destitutes outside Bengal, they were not able to collect even a thousand of them.

"The Khaksars are making a grievance of the Government's refusal to grant railway fares for the return of those whom they claim to have brought to Bengal for the purpose of collecting and escorting destitutes. The only request which the Khaksars had originally made and to which Government had agreed was that Government would pay the railway fare for the destitutes only and arrange for their accommodation on the trains. Later, the Khaksars demanded the payment of Rs. 5/1 per capita as out of pocket expenses for the destitutes which was allowed, but they soon raised that demand to Rs. 12 per capita. This was clearly against the original understanding between the Government and the Khaksars.

"Government's decision to rescind the permission given to them to remove destitutes from Bengal was also due to a certain province having objected to Bengal destitutes being sent there, one of the reasons for the objection being that the Khaksars in that province did not have adequate resources to maintain the destitutes whom they were taking.

From another province Government received reports that the Khaksars had experienced difficulties in providing for the destitutes whom they had taken there and that of those for whom they did at length manage to provide, a number had run away. Besides, when it became known that permission had been given to the Khaksars to remove Bengal destitutes, protests began to pour in from both Muslims and Hindus all over India and particularly from Bengal. In consideration of all these circumstances, Government had no alternative but to stop the removal of destitutes outside Bengal.

"As regards the grievance which is being made over Government's refusal to pay the return fare of the Khaksars, it may be said that the Government of Bengal never asked the Khaksars to assist them in this manner, nor did they ask either the Khaksars or anyone else to come to Bengal for this purpose. The Khaksars also, including their leader, Mr. Inayetullah Khan Mashriqui, gave no indication at the time of making the original offer that they would expect the Government to bear the expense of any Khaksars.

"Finally, the public will be interested to learn that recently a batch of eight destitutes of Dacca who had been taken to the Punjab by the Khaksars ran away from the latter and were detained at Amritsar station as tickelless passengers. They were ultimately taken charge of by the local Muslim League who paid their railway fares and sent them back to Bengal. On arrival in Bengal, they have made signed statements complaining of grave maltreatment by the Khaksars."—A. P.

Acute Food Situation In Jamner

Mr. Rajmal Lakhichand, M.L.A. (Central) and Mr. Mahomed Suleman Cassum Mitha, ex-M.L.A., have issued the following joint statement from Jamner, East Khandesh:

"We have received an application signed by hundreds of citizens of Jamner in which they have recorded their extreme helplessness in the matter of procuring food supply. They were all on the verge of starvation. On their request we attended a public meeting which was attended by all class of people. It is evident from the proceedings of the meeting and also from our personal enquiries that the people of the Taluka of Jamner are in the greatest distress. They lack food supply as the Government is buying all the available grain and as yet there has been no proper system of distribution. It is still more to be regretted that the people, whose staple food is "jowar" and "bajri" are bound to eat "holga" and "mutt" and groundnut seeds which even the animals never ate before. Their health is suffering and in utter helplessness they are leaving the place. If urgent action is not taken a situation worse than Bengal would arise as there are very little possibilities of the crop next year.

Food Situation In Dharwar

HUBLI, Feb. 2:—Citizens of Dharwar District and particularly of Hubli city are experiencing great hardships. It seems, almost all the officers in the District have been busily engaged in displaying an exuberance of energy in purchasing the quota of grains allotted to each taluka. Hubli city has become rice-dry since last two weeks. Jawry is only available this week in small quantities. Though Hubli is a rationed city, the ration shops are almost empty. More or less the same is the case with other towns like Dharwar, Gadag, Ranebennur, etc., in the District. Rice has disappeared from the market and jawry is following suit. Dharwar is declared to be surplus District with regard to food but is experiencing unexpected scarcity due to the cob-web of the Government machinery.

VAIDS CHALLENGE SIND GOVERNMENT

Questions Validity Of Act Repealing Registration Of Vaids

KARACHI, Feb. 3.

The validity of an act passed by the Sind Legislative Assembly last year whereby the registration of Vaids was discontinued in Sind has been challenged by some Vaids from Kovvur, South India.

The Plaintiffs who number about twelve have served a notice on the Government of Sind under Sec. 80 of the Civil Procedure Code praying for a "review" of the repealing Act and restoration of the old Vaids' Registration Act.

They alleged that being duly qualified Vaids and entitled to registration under the old act, they applied for registration under the old Act in November 1943 and sent the necessary fees. They were informed by the Sind Government that by the repealing Act the registration of Vaids had been cancelled and the fees would be refunded.

The Vaids contend that the new Act is "ultra vires" as it was passed without making any provision for the vested rights of the Vaids that the "common rights of the citizens created by a particular statute cannot be effaced without sufficient justification in law", and that the Act is "opposed to the relevant provisions of the Government of India Act."—A. P.

Surplus Budget For Sind

KARACHI, Feb. 3.

Inspite of devastating floods and Hur trouble which were a serious drain on the resources of the Province Sind's forthcoming budget promises to yield a surplus of one crore.

This surplus would enable the Government to launch an ambitious programme of nation-building spread over a number of years. A sum of 50 lakhs will be set apart for post-war reconstruction. Government have also built up a specific fund of about 2-1/2 crores from profits in trading in surplus foodgrains.

It is estimated that the total free balances now at the disposal of the Sind Government is about seven crores.—Orient Press.

Challaned For Disclosing Name Of Steamer

KARACHI, Feb. 3.—The European manager of a local firm was challaned yesterday under the Defence of India Rules for disclosing the name and the departure date of a steamer from Karachi to a client. He was released on bail and the case posted to a later date. According to the prosecution, the Company shipped some cases on behalf of a client, who was at Basra and then wrote him a letter giving him details. The letter was intercepted by the local censors and forwarded to the Government of India who ordered the prosecution of the firm.—A.P.

A.-I. CRICKET EXECUTIVE

MADRAS, Feb 3: A meeting of the Working Committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India will be held on Sunday February 13 at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay.

PITHAPURAM YUVARAJ RESIGNS

Sequel To Treatment Meted Out In A. R. P. Organisation

MADRAS, Feb. 3.

Resigning from the Madras A.R.P. as a protest against the treatment meted out to him the Yuvaraj of Pithapuram in a statement to the Press says: "I have resigned from the service because it is evident in spite of the loud talk of public co-operation powers that be are not keen on having persons like me. Having gone through the British Administration for so many years I am not too greatly surprised at this treatment. It is very difficult for them to forget that they are rulers and we are slaves.—Orient Press.

U. N. R. R. A. To Help Indian Exiles From Burma

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

Indians born or permanently resident in Burma and the Far East, who have sought refuge in India as a result of the war, are expected to have the help of the U.N.R.R.A. in their return home in the liberated territories after the end of the war. If the Indian Legislature ratifies the U.N.R.R.A. agreement, India will also be entitled to the membership of the Far Eastern Regional Committee of the organisation, one of whose functions will be to advise the Director-General of the U.N.R.R.A. on the organisation of measures to assist displaced persons.

Besides being entitled to the membership of the Far Eastern Regional Committee, India will also be represented on the Technical Committee on Displaced Persons, which the Council of the U.N.R.R.A. has decided to set up.—A. P.

More Qualifications Of "Seac"

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

With reference to the report of the questions asked recently in the House of Commons about the publication of a daily newspaper for the forces in the South East Asia command, a Press note says: "Three points were omitted by the Secretary of State for War in his replies. It is therefore considered that the impression made upon the public by the information released yesterday, may not be entirely correct".

In order to put the whole subject in its true perspective it has been decided to publish the following additional information, which, as supplied to the war office for use by the Secretary of State when framing his replies.

1. The cost of "Seac" is one anna per copy.

2 The present daily distribution is 10,000 copies, shortly to be increased.

4. "Seac" does not compete in any way with any ordinary daily newspaper.

Apart from a very small number of copies made available to South East Asia headquarters, it is distributed solely in an operational area (East of Brahmaputra) where the normal daily newspapers are not obtainable.—A. P.

Six Destitutes Die In Hospitals

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

Yesterday six sick destitutes died in various hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs.—A. P.

CONGRESS-LEAGUE UNITY

City Corporation Protests Against Compulsory Bar-Wheat In Rations

For the first time in the history of the Municipal Corporation, the Congress Party and the Muslim League councillors agreed on a common object pertaining the health of the city, viz: Bar-wheat, on Thursday.

A special meeting of the Corporation was called to urge upon the Government to supply to the public dehusked barley instead of the barley in its present state.

Mr. Devji Rattansey moved the resolution:

That this Corporation view with grave concern the rationing authorities' new order of supplying 25 per cent. unhusked barley with wheat, as the quality of barley is very inferior and the proportion of 25 per cent is very high and is likely to affect the health of the citizens adversely.

That His Worship the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to Government and to request them to take immediate steps to revise the aforesaid order, doing away with the supply of unhusked barley or reducing it to a small proportion.

Mr. Devji Rattansey said Government had received a large quantity of barley from somewhere, but it was neither nutritious nor fit for human consumption in the state sold to the public at present. It would be better, therefore, if the Government dehusked barley and gave in smaller quantities to the ration-card holders along with wheat than with the husks on as at present. Experiments made showed that out of two and a half 'paylees' of unhusked barley one 'paylee' was less after it was dehusked.

Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia seconded the resolution and said barley sold to the public in its present form was undigestible.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta supported the proposition and said barley sold with wheat was a fraudulent ration as the public received 15 per cent less after barley was cleaned and husked. He also spoke of the Inspectors of Rationing Department harassing the public and wanted every one mentioned in the cards to be present whenever they called.

Mr. Salebhoy Abdulkader moved an amendment to make the sale of barley optional.

Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hassan moved another amendment to request the Central Government to revise their supply policy in supplying barley to Bombay which was a deficient province.

Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh moved the third amendment to do away with the sale of barley entirely.

Mr. Mohanlal Desai suggested that barley be sold to foreigners and Europeans only if it was found nutritious.

The amendment of Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hassan was agreed to and the resolution as amended was passed.

PROTEST AGAINST ENHANCED RAILWAY FARES

The Corporation then passed the resolution moved by Mr. Jamnadas Mehta protesting against the contemplated increase in the railway fares and freights in view of the fact that railways in India were already making huge profits and accommodation and amenities given to the public were meagre and inadequate.

Mr. P. M. Chinai also spoke.

The resolution was carried.

The House then adjourned till Monday.

'Habeas Corpus' Move For Editor Of "People"

LAHORE, Feb. 3.

Judgment was reserved by the Full Bench consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Blacker and Mr. Justice Munir in the 'habeas corpus' petition for the release of Mr. Feroze Chand, editor of the "People" (now defunct) and ex-Vice-President of the Servants of People Society, Mr. Baldevmitra Bijli and Shrimati Puran Devi detained under D.I.R. 26.

Counsel for the petitioners submitted that the delegation of power of detention by the Governor to the Chief Secretary was illegal, he not being the proper authority to pass such an order.

The Chief Justice 'inter alia' remarked: "Under the Validating Ordinance a Governor is empowered to delegate his authority to an officer. If that particular officer is satisfied that Mr. Feroze Chand's detention is necessary, the fact that he is not even a four-anna member of the Congress and the conditions of his detention do not matter and the Court has no jurisdiction to interfere."—United Press.

SOCIALIST DETAINED

WARDHA, Feb. 3: Mr. Balaji Huddar, a Socialist, has been detained under D.I.R. 129.—A. P.

RELEASED ON PAROLE

MADRAS, Feb. 3: The Madras Government have released on parole for one month Mr. Shankar Reddi, M.L.C. and three others. Two other persons have been released on fifteen days' and seven days' parole.

All these persons are detained in the Tanjore Special Jail.—United Press.

JUDGE DISAGREES WITH JURY

FARIDPUR, Feb. 1: Judgment was delivered to-day by the District and Sessions Judge in the Bhanga Sub-Inspector Murder Case. The majority of the jury found all the 28 accused persons "not guilty" of the charges of murder and rioting.

The Judge, however differed from the majority verdict of the jury in respect of rioting and referred the matter to the High Court.

On the charge of defying orders prohibiting meetings, processions, etc., the accused persons were tried under Sec. 56 (4) of the Defence of India Rules with the help of assessors. The Judge convicted and sentenced 9 of the accused to various terms of imprisonment ranging from 6 months to 2 years.

The accused were prosecuted in connecion with the murder of Rohini K. Ghosh, Sub-Inspector of Police, Bhanga, who was killed while attempting to disperse a procession at Bhanga during the political movement in September, 1942.—A. P.

BOMB CASE APPEAL TO FEDERAL COURT

KARACHI, Feb. 3.—It is learnt that the Panjrapole bomb case accused have preferred an appeal to the Federal Court.

The Sind Government are deputing Mr. Dialmal Lalvani, Public Prosecutor of Nawabshah District, to represent the Crown before the Federal Court in this appeal.—United Press.

GAUHATI: Mr. Rabindra Nath Sarma, pleader, who was a security prisoner under D. I. R., has been released.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Latest from Merrie Town Fete headquarters indicates that Mrs. Talyarkhan and Mrs. Hill and all their friends and helpers are getting ahead with their plans to give Bombay folk their biggest carnival yet. .....

There's room in the Club for a thousand members and among its amenities will be a very specially furnished and most comfortable lounge, one of the best and most modern bars Bombay has yet known, and a real Casino, the last under the special charge of Messrs. Nurmahomed Chinoy, Frank Collins and Piscionaeri, none of whom need introduction to the revellers or the public of Bombay.

—Bombay Man's Diary in "Evening News of India".

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Journalists seem to be much in the news. According to a report from the New Delhi Headquarters, a party of Indian editors from Nagpur and Lucknow crossed the Burma border in the back of a 15 cwt. truck. "They were", we are informed, "possibly the first civilians to do so since the evacuation of Burma in 1942."

Also, perhaps, they were the first Indian commentators on war to be allowed so near the war zone!

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Even the Assembly will hear something about the Press at its forthcoming session.

Six members of the Congress and Nationalist Parties are asking for "unrestricted transmission of press messages, whether coming into or going out of India, and, in particular, comments of the Indian press and of statements by responsible leaders on the internal situation."

Presumably there are at least six incorrigible optimists in the Assembly!

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These half a dozen optimists are also going to demand that "censorship should be governed only by considerations of military security without the importation of political or other factors."

At this rate they might even go to the limit of demanding that there should be no censorship at all!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *The American intentions in the East are strictly honourable.*

(2) *There is a widespread misunderstanding in India about the presence of American troops—there must be, for President Roosevelt says so.*

(3) *The American troops will get a very good idea of the country—if only they don't have recourse to the nationalist daily press—at least Sir James Grigg thinks so!*

(4) *"Seac" is the new secret weapon of the South East Asia Command—but it exploded in the House of Commons!*

(5) *Cassino is the destination of Allied forces in Italy and the Casino is the intended destination of all local repellers (Sparks, Flames and Co.) at the Red Cross Fete.*

LEAGUE COMMITTEE OF ACTION'S DECISIONS

LAHORE, Feb. 3.

Various schemes to strengthen the Muslim League organisations in India were considered by the Committee of Action of the All India Muslim League which concluded its two day sitting in Lahore this afternoon.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan Convenor of the meeting, told the "Associated Press" that it had been decided to convene meetings of the presidents and the secretaries of all the Provincial Muslim Leagues from time to time. Supervisors would be appointed to tour the provinces and sumbit reports on the working of the League organisations in various districts and provinces.

A scheme had also been prepared to expand and strengthen the central office of the All-India Muslim League to deal speedily with all matters connected with the work of the Committee.—A. P.

Jamnadas Mehta Welcomes Industrialists' Plan

BOMBAY, February 2.

"I welcome the Purshotamdas scheme as an earnest attempt on the part of our leading businessmen and industrialists to plan the economic future of this country," said Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, M.L.A. (Central), in an interview to the "United Press" on the Economic Development plan announced by Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas and others.

"Any scheme worth considering must take India as a whole and there should be Central direction and control, with due regard to regional and local factors. Anything which is calculated to prejudice Central control must be brushed aside, no matter whether it is any province or a ruling prince in alliance with the British Government.

"Secondly, India itself will have to fit in a world picture. Isolation in economic as in any other matters is doomed. For instance, protection is a form of isolation and if it is practised by a particular country in a narrow spirit of immediate individual interest of his own must harm others and ultimately that country itself.

Just as India must have a Central direction for its policy so also India will have to be centrally directed along with the rest of the world, if there is to be a real post-war reconstruction of all nations and also if future wars are to be prevented. Peace like prosperity must be indivisible. England can only continue to exploit weaker nations at the cost of enormous treasure and blood as in this war.

Students' Sympathy To Strike

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 3.

The students of the S. L. D. Arts College and H. L. Commerce College went on strike to-day in sympathy with the clerical staff who are on strike for the last two days demanding adequate dearness allowance.—A. P.

All-India Wheat Forecast

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3

The All-India first wheat forecast for 1943-44 indicates that the area sown is 3,23,61,000 acres as against 3,37,09,000 acres in 1942-43. The decrease in acreage this year is four per cent.

The condition of the crop so far appears to be good on the whole, according to the official report. More rain is, however, wanted.—United Press.

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February 4-7, inclusive
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Two shows every evening.
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All seats for both shows bookable at the
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CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Magh Shud 11, 2000.
Muslim: Safar 8, 1363.
Parsi: Shehnevar 3, 1313.
Sunrise: 8-14 a.m. Sunset: 7-31 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

MARRIAGE

On Thursday, 3rd February, in Bombay, Shalini, youngest daughter of the late Prof. Balwant Bhau Nagarkar, to Pramnath Khosla, son of Mr Beni Prasad Khosla, Bar.-at-Law, Lahore.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURYMEN: Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

ST. MARY'S ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL: The Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association will be held on Sunday, the 6th instant, at 10-30 a.m., in the School premises, Nesbit Road, Mazagaon, when reports and accounts for 1943 will be placed before the meeting for adoption and the new Executive Committee will be elected for the ensuing year

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "General Principles" from the Ocean of Theosophy by W. Q. Judge. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain, to-day (Friday), 6-15 p.m.

M. COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 19 (Chinchpokli-Love-Grove) will meet near Kermani Market (Junction of Arthur Road and DeLisle Road) to-morrow (Saturday), at 6-51 a.m. (B. T.) 9-30 a.m. (S. T.), to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL HINDU SABHA: An urgent meeting of the Working Committee at the office of the Sabha, at 6 p.m., to-day (Friday).

HEALTH, HOME AND SOCIAL WELFARE EXHIBITION at the St Xavier's High School will remain open from 3-30 to 8 p.m., to-day (Friday). Special programme on that day is Demonstrations by Madame Holger's pupils at 5-30 p.m. and Educational films at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE: Pandit Jagadish Chandra Chatterji, Formerly Director of Oriental Research in Kashmir, Director of the India Academy of America in New York and author of many books will speak on "Spirituality as the deepest need of Religious Life", at Mazdaznan Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station to-day (Friday), at 6-15 p.m. Dr. I. J. S. Taraporewala, will preside.

COTTON CLOTH CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Government of Bombay has constituted an Advisory Committee consisting of the following to advise it on matters connected with the administration of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order, 1943:—Mr. D. S. Bakhale, O. B. E., I. C. S., (Chairman); Mr. M. K. Vellodi, I. C. S.; Mr. J. N. Greaves, C. B. E., M. L. A.; Mr. Gordhandas Goculdas Morarji; Mr. Purshottam Popatal; Mr. Nagindas Mulchand Shah. Mr. J. C. Setalvad; Mr. M. U. Rajab; Mr. S. C. A. Lyon; Mr. M. J. Antia, I. E. S. (Retd.), (Secretary).

"SHINING VICTORY" AT NEW EMPIRE

(BY T. V. P.)

"Shining Victory" at New Empire, a Warner Brothers' production, brings to the screen the mysteries of psychiatry. The film lays bare the innermost secrets of a woman's heart by masterful strokes. James Stephenson plays the psychiatrist and Geraldine Fitzgerald, the young woman doctor who assists him and falls in love with him.

"True To Life" at Regal tells the story of an average American family which rose to distinction from obscurity as told by two radio writers played by Richard Powell and Franchot Tone. It is a Paramount production.

"Wintertime" starring Sonja Henie, full of some good tunes and a couple of spectacular dances is held over for another week at Eros.

"A Stranger in Town" at Metro stars Frank Morgan, with support from Richard Carlson and Jean Rogers is the story of a judge who goes hunting and is arrested. When he starts playing cupid, romance has naturally a relapse.

"The Hard Way", Warner Brothers' film starring Ida Lupino, Joan Leslie and Dennis Morgan will be revived at Strand.

"Assignment in Brittany" is revived at Aurora, "Who Done It?" at Palace and "The Black Swan" at Paradise.

PRAKASH REPRESENTATIVE INVITED TO VISIT CEYLON

CEYLON TO TAKE INTEREST IN PICTURISATION OF

LORD BUDDHA

In view of the vast preparation for the production of "Bhagwan Buddha" Messrs. Prakash Pictures have received an invitation for sending their representative to visit Ceylon the land of Buddhism. The following is an abstract from the letter received from All Ceylon Buddhist Women's Conference and the General executive of All Ceylon Rural Congress:—

"The services you have rendered to Humanity through "Bharat Milap" and "Ram Rajya" are invaluabl. and we have no doubt whatsoever that the Buddhist public of Ceylon will give their entire moral support in your noble effort to produce the life of Lord Buddha".

"In the interest of Indo-Ceylon goodwill which you as a Company are striving to develop as well a- to secure the entire support of the Ceylon public for the production of the life of the Buddha, we request you to be kind enough to send your Publicity Officer, Mr. Bhadrakumar Yajnik, on a goodwill mission to Ceylon. We are sure he will capture the hearts of the monks and the elites as he is a living demonstration of perfect blending of the spiritual and temporal".

In response to above and other pressing invitations from Buddhist friends, Messrs. Prakash Pictures are sending their Publicity Chief Mr. Bhadrakumar Yajnik to Ceylon. It is first time in the history of our film industry when a representative of film company has been so cordially invited to foreign land.

Mr. Yajnik who was at Karachi for the release publicity of "Ram Rajya" has now left for Madras from where he shall start for Ceylon where he will acquaint Buddhist scholars and leaders with the preparations and plans of Prakash's forthcoming picture "Bhagwan Buddha".

CITY MARKETS

Bombay Feb. 3.

SHARES: After a long spell of dull markets. The local share Bazar is recently showing increased speculative activity and quotations are reaching new high levels. Abundant supply of cheap money and encouraging war news support bullish enthusiasm and absence of selling is helping the upward move; cotton mill shares remain popular and manipulation by powerful interests in selected scrips is giving true to the market. Tata Steel Dfd. shares opened at Rs 2150 and advanced to Rs. 2171 Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 426 and advanced to Rs. 433 and later declined to Rs. 429-8 Century Mill shares were the chief spot of increased activity. They opened at Rs. 1080 and flared up to Rs. 1109 Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2150 and Kohinoor shares after opening at Rs. 720 improved to Rs. 728. The recent rise is too rapid and should be followed with care as market has still to await the Budget.

As quotations go up, increased realising is also appearing. Century Shares are said to be cornerd by persistent buying and subject to violent fluctuations. Towards the close there was good deal of profit-taking and the market closed barely steady with a good undertone

BULLION Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.03-1/2 to 4.02-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents The local market was officially closed as a mark of respect to the death of Seth Amratlal Khokhani

COTTON: The local Cotton Market was officially closed after 2 p.m. in honour of the death of Seth Amratlal Khokhani, but no trading was reported at all to-day.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
I C C March highest 475-1/2, lowest 473, closing 474-1/4, I C C May highest 474-1/4, lowest 472, closing 473-1/2, I C C July highest 478, lowest 475-3/4, closing 477.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March Contract is below New York March 208 cent points at Exchange Rate 331

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb. 2.
March 20.38+11 May 20.04+07 July 19.66+03, October 19.19+03, December 19.02+03. March highest 20.41+14 (1.51 p.m.), lowest 20.24—03 (10-14 a.m.), Middling Spot 21.21+08.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
March 20 53+12 May 20.22+06 July 19.84+03. October 19.22?01. December 19.03—02 January 18.98—02, Middling Spot 20.43+17.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL
March 20.32. May 20.00. July 19.64.

BENGAL TREASURY BILLS
Tenders for Rs Three Crores of three months' Government of Bengal Treasury Bills were opened on Wednesday the 2nd February 1944. Total amount offered was Rs 4,49,00,000 (Rupees four crore forty-nine lakhs only).
Tenders at Rs. 99-13-0 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-12-9 allotted approximately 99 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. Three Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 0-13-0 per cent per annum

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 28th day of January, 1944.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT
LIABILITIES.
Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 9,21,37,000. Notes in circulation Rs. 853,68,20,000. Total Notes issued Rs. 862,89,57,000
ASSETS
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000. Sterling Securities Rs. 744,83,96,000. Total of A Rs. 789,25,39,000.
B. Rupee Coin Rs. 15,31,48,000. Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 58,32,70,000. Total Assets Rs. 862,89,-57,000
Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 91.466 per cent.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

Mention must be made of the running of GWALIOR horses at the Red Cross meeting on Wednesday.

1st Race: Khade rode "Silver Trace", who was first favourite. "Silver Trace" was not on board, while "Suez" ridden by F. Mohamed won.

2nd Race: "Typhoon" ridden by stable jockey Roberts and first favourite in the race was nowhere. "Prem Kumari" ridden by Sibbritt came second by a short head. Prem Kumari paid Rs. 86 for a place.

7th Race: "Bachelor's Hack" (Burn); "Jai Villas" (Roberts); "Autumn Lady" (Khade); "Enchantress II" (F. Mohamed); "Roopkumari", (West). Of these Enchantress II comes second. The rest are nowhere.

8th Race: "Madame Pompadour" (F. Mohamed); Bismark (Mohamed Khan); Paradise Express (Burn); "Gay Jester" (Roberts): Of these Bismark comes second by a short head and pays Rs. 169 for place.

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Reading these results in the light of Bobby Talyarkhan's recent revelation that GEORGE, i.e., the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior, is the virtual and real trainer of his horses, one comes reluctantly to the conclusion that either (1) Gwalior does not know very much about training horses or (ii) that if he does know anything about the relative merits of his horses, he does not put the stable jockey on his best horse. Moreover, the fact that even the jockeys don't know till the very last moment what they are riding makes one ask the reason for this strange behaviour on the part of a man who happens to be an Indian ruling prince.

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SHAKUNTALA
Starring: JAYASHREE CHANDRAMOHAN
Plans open 10 to 1 & 3 to 7 p.m.
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IN NAVYUG'S TALE OF TODAY & TOMORROW
SWEET SNEHPRABHA & JOYOUS JAIRAJ
IN
NAYA TARANA
Direction: NAJAM NAQVI with Debonaire DAVID
Story: K. A. ABBAS
Daily: 4, 7, 10, Sat., Sun., Hol. 1 p.m.
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"Private Lives of ELIZABETH & ESSEX" (In Technicolor)
Errol Flynn, Bette Davis, Olivia de Havilland

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BOMBAY RACES
2ND DAY
SATURDAY, 5TH FEB. 1944
ADMISSION:
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J. S. DAWDA,
Secretary.
(7673)

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON JURY, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court, on the 1st floor, on Friday the 4th February 1944 at 2-45 P.M. (S.T.).

SHANTIDAS ASKURAN,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 3rd February, 1944.
(7707)

NOTICE

DECLARATION OF STOCKS OF TYRES AND TUBES—NEW AS WELL AS SECONDHAND.

Under Clause 5(1) of the Tyre Rationing Order, 1944 every stockist has to submit to the Area Rationing Authority, so as to reach it not later than the 7th day of each month, commencing with February 1944, a return in duplicate in form 1 in respect of his stocks and transactions in tyres and tubes during the preceding month.

Under Clause 5(2), every Fleet-owner has to submit a return in duplicate in form 2, not later than the 31st January 1944.

As many Fleet-owners have not complied with this clause, they should take early action to comply.

E. SHEEHY,
Area Rationing Authority,
Bombay.
Area (Tyre) Rationing Office,,
Head Police Office, Bombay,
2nd February, 1944.
(7705)

TENDERS FOR CATERING

TENDERS ARE INVITED for catering and running an Officer's Mess of 40 to 50 members. Tender forms can be had from the D.D.O.S., G.H.Q., Ordnance Depots, P. O. Box No. 331, Bombay on application. Closing date for tender is 12-2-44. Cost of Tender is Re. 1|-. (7702)

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2. The qualifications necessary for appointment and the pay for the periods of training and probation are as follows:—

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(iii) Matriculates or holders of an equivalent qualification with previous practical experience of work under the Children Act. Rs. 50.-

Applicants should not be less than 23 or more than 30 years of age on the date of appointment. The upper age limit may be relaxed upto 35 years in cases of those who have considerable experience of Children Act work.

3. The services of persons appointed in these posts are liable after the period of training to be lent to local Associations doing work under the Children Act, the Borstal Schools Act and the Probation of Offenders Act.

4. Applications, clearly giving the applicant's full name, address, age with date of birth, religion, caste with sub-caste, native place with district, qualifications, previous experience, etc., should reach the undersigned on or before the 19th February, 1944.

5. Applicants called for interview to Poona will have to travel at their own expense. Original certificates regarding age and qualifications and testimonials should be produced at the time of interview and only copies should be sent with applications.

T. E. STREATFIELD,
Chief Inspector of Certified Schools,
Bombay Province, Poona.
Poona, Dated the 1st February, 1944.
(7701)

NOTICE

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E. SHEEHY,
Area Rationing Authority,
Bombay.
Area (Tyre) Rationing Office,
Head Police Office, Bombay.
2nd February, 1944.
(7704)

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THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of scrap timber available at the Carriage and Wagon and Electrical Stores Depot, Matunga, Bombay. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Re. 1.- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 18-2-1944 at 3 P.M. (S.T.) (7699)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai KHATIZABAI, widow of Haji Mahomed Madni has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of mortgage, sale, lease, gift, use, inheritance, trust, lien, encumbrances, easement or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Mercantile Bank Buildings, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which all claims will be considered as waived and the purchase completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground or the quit and ground rent tenure with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the West side of Tank Street, or Surti Moholla in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement five hundred and ninety square yards according to the Conveyance dated 19-4-1916 but according to the Cadastral Survey Register 601 square yards or thereabouts be the same a little more or less and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 1532, 4965 New No. A|8693, Old Survey No. 2723|24 and New Survey No. 4126 and Cadastral Survey No. 1060 Byculla Division and assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 429-430, Street Nos. 62-66, 68-68A and 70 and bounded, on or towards the North by a Sweeper's passage and beyond that the property of Gangadas Vijbhukhandas, on or towards the East by the Tank Street or Surti Moholla aforesaid, on or towards the South by a Gully and beyond that the property of Shaikh Mahomed Hayat bin Shaikh Essa Subedar and on or towards the West by a Gully and beyond that the property of Gangadas Vijbhukhandas.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1944.

PAYNE & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(7708)

AUCTION SALES

THE SALE OF PERSIAN, BOKHARA and other carpets will take place TO-DAY Friday the 4th instant. at 3 P.M. at the Sale Room of the undersigned as previously advertised.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
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SALE OF PROPERTY AT KARWAR STREET, BOMBAY.

Mr. H. C. CAPTAIN (Manager, Central Bank of India) Receiver in High Court Suit 1914 of 1932 Central Bank v|s Ayshabai has agreed to sell the undermentioned properties belonging to the estate of HAJI GULAM MAHOMED AJAM. Persons having any claim thereto are required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within 14 days, in default the sale will be completed and the claim if any will be deemed to be waived.

FIRSTLY:—Port Trust Leasehold land Karwar Street, off Frere Road, Bombay, with the Building thereon area 907 Sq. Yds. bounded North by Karwar Street, South by the property of Shavakshaw Jamshedji Dubash, West by the property of Ratilal Narsidas.

SECONDLY:—Port Trust Leasehold land with the building thereon at KARWAR STREET, Bombay, area 763 Sq. Yards, North by Karwar Street, South by the property of Shavaksha Jamshedji Dubash East by the land leased to Ratilal Narsidas and West by land leased to Hirachand Motichand.

Both the properties bear New Survey No. 8480, Cadastral Survey Nos. 1162, 1163, 1165, and 2|1161 A Ward No. 2724, Street No. 25 Karwar Street and 2726, Street Nos. 9, 11, 15, 17 and 19.

Dated this 3rd February, 1944.

G. B. PANDYA,
Purchaser's Attorney.
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(7709)

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